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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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SUMMARY

This Interview Summary concerns a telephone interview conducted July 17, 2009, following a Notice of Appeal and Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review filed March 11, 2009. The participants were Examiner David Donald Davis and Applicants' representative Nathaniel P. Longley, Reg. No. 62,668, of Kinney & Lange, P.A. In the Interview:

- (A) No exhibits were shown or demonstrations were conducted.
- (B) The subject matter of claims 1, 4, 7 and 10 was discussed.
- (C) The prior art references Ogawa, U.S. Patent No. 5,425,988 (Ogawa) and Yang, U.S. Patent No. 6,822,833 (Yang) were discussed.
- (D) No substantive amendments were discussed, and no agreement was reached as to the claims.
- (E) Referring to the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review filed March 11, 2009, Applicant's representative discussed particular distinctions between the Ogawa and Yang references and the subject matter of claims 1, 4, 7 and 10, as amended January 14, 2009.

With respect to Ogawa, Applicants' representative pointed out that the subject matter of claims 3, 4, 9 and 10 was found allowable over Ogawa in a previous Office Action mailed

February 7, 2008, that claims 1 and 7 had been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 3 and 9, respectively, and that claims 4 and 10 were been rewritten in independent form.

With respect to Yang, Applicant pointed out that the subject matter of claims 4 and 10 was found allowable over Yang in the Office Action mailed October 15, 2008, that Yang did not anticipate the subject matter of claims 1 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), and that Yang was not available as a reference under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), based on 35 U.S.C. § 103(c).

(F) Examiner Davis pointed out that claims 1, 4, 7 and 10 are directed to an improved actuation system or slider having an encapsulant comprised of a self-assembled monolayer, where the self-assembled monolayer is composed of an organosilane selected from the groups recited in claims 1 and 7, or N-octadecene as claimed in claims 4 and 10. Applicants' representative pointed out that the inventors had worked diligently on the problem of applying these materials to form monolayer encapsulants on the claimed structures, as described in the Declaration of Inventor Mehmet Hancer filed October 10, 2007, and in accompanying Exhibits 1–14.

(G) The general outcome of the Interview was that Examiner Davis would review Applicants' arguments regarding the prior art, as compared to the invention as claimed.

(H) The interview was not conducted via electronic mail.

Applicants thank Examiner Davis for his time and consideration in conducting the interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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